

REMARKS

Claims 10-19 have been examined. Claims 10-12 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 13-18 contain allowable subject matter.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of JP 49-124508 ("JP '508")

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-12 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by JP '508 which was cited in the October 7, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

A. Claim 10

By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 13 into claim 10. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 10 is now moot.

B. Claim 11

Since claim 11 is dependent upon claim 10, Applicant submits that such claim is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

C. Claim 12

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claim 12, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection of such claim is now moot.

D. Claim 19

By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 13 into claim 19. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 19 is now moot.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

As set forth above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 13-18 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, Applicant has rewritten claims 14, 16, 17 and 18 into independent form and claim 13 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

III. Newly Added Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has added new claims 20-25 to provide more varied coverage of the present invention. Applicant submits that claim 20 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 14, claim 21 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 16, claim 22 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 17 and claim 23 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 18.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

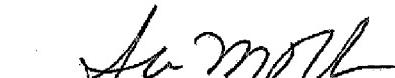
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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